THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) to (g) The DDA has reported that a contract for construction of 265 dwelling units in Trilokpuri, Pocket-V was given to M/S Project Engineers & Consultants on 1-4-82 and not to M/S Apex Construction Company as reported in the Press report. The work was awarded for the tendered amount of Rs. 118.94 lacs. This project was to be completed in April, 1983, but during the execution of the work, it was observed that the general quality of the work was very poor and many portion of the structure were unsafe. As the contractor failed to rectify the defects pointed out by the DDA, the contract was rescinded. After the recission of the contract, the work was awarded to another agency for 65 dwelling units which the original contractor had not even started. These 65 units have since been completed and allotted to the public. The remaining flats are to bet dismantled as per the report of the National Council for Cement and Building Material.

The decision for the reconstruction of the flats which are to be dismantled as to be taken after writing off the loss incurred in this project. The expenditure booked against this scheme is Rs. 77.7 lacs. Payment made to the other contractor for the completion of 65 dwelling units was Rs. 48.50 lacs. As the 200 units found to be substandard are to be dismantled, the question of recovery of their cost from the allottees does not arise. M/S Project Engineers and Consultants have already been debarred for further tendering in DDA. Counter claims on account of losses suffered by DDA are being claimed from the contractor through arbitration which is the only course open in terms of the contract.

Lack of Safe Drinking Water

1628. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a Press newsitem captioed "Lack of clean water a major threat-FAO" as reported in Statesman dated 16th October 1994;

(b) if so, whether due to lack of adequate supplies of clean water there is threat of human health;

(c) if so, whether Government with the help of foreign agencies, propose to take steps to provide safe drinking water in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is sufficient expertise and technology available within the country for treatment of water. Projects are being implemented by the State Govt. agencies and the urban local bodies with resources provided under the State and Central plans. Besides this financial assistance is being provided by the World Bank for four on-going projects and some more projects are under consideration for financial assistance by the World Bank and other donor agencies.

Sanitation Facilities

1629. DR. B.B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the per capita expenditure vis-a-vis share of GNP on sanitation;

(b) whether standard of sanitation in most urban metropolitan cities has deteriorated, and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase the coverage of population having access to sanitation facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) The average share of sanitary service of the GNP is 0.226%.

(b) From data on coverage of population in metropolitan cities with sanitation facility in 1991 and 1994 (given below), it is clear that the standard of sanitation has not deteriorated.

Name of City	% of population covered with sanitation	
	1991	1994
Hyderabad	59.17%	59%
Bangalore	84.83%	84.8%
Bombay	91.0%	91.0%
Madras	88.0%	88.0%
Calcutta	55.15%	55.1%
Delhi	78.18%	78.1%

(c) Out of the limited Central sector outlay for urban water supply and sanitation, a major portion is being earmarked and utilised for convertingdry latrines into sanitry latrines and for constructing new latrines where none existed before. A Central Act called 'Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993, has been enacted to prevent the construction of new dry latrines.

Damaged Government Quarters in Delhi

1630. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) What is the number of Government quarters in Delhi which have been declared damaged by CPWD authorities, during the last three years, type-wise/area-wise;

(b) what is the number of such quarters which have been repaired and cleared for allotment during the said period, type-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that some quarters have been declared as 'damaged' and are being illegally occupied by CPWD engineers/staff: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Type-I 78 Quarters, Type-II 783 quarters, Type-III 22 quarters, Type-IV 2 quarters, Type-V & above 2 Bungalows.

(b) Type-I 21 quarters, Type-II 1 quarter' Type-III 3 quarters, Type-IV 1 quarter.

(c) and (d) The CPWD have reported that some of the quarters declared damaged have been allotted temporarily to their staff at their risk. The licence fee is recovered for these quarters from the temporary allottees.

Sustainable Supply of Safe Drinking Water

1631. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have formulated any proposal to provide sustainable supply of safe drinking water to every habitation in the couttry by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan :

(b) if so, what are the other major objectives of Government on the water supply front particularly for the eradication of guinea worm, problems like excess fluoride, brackishness, iron and arsenic in drinking water and quality in all the villages; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the constraints of financial resources to achieve these objectives; if so, whether large assistance from Central Government and external support agencies would be provided to States like Rajasthan and Orissa in particular and other States in the country; if so, the details thereof indicating the budgetary provisions mad, during 1994-95 and by the end of Eiggth Five Year Plan period so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Supply of safe drinking water in urban and rural areas is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government is providing technical guidance and financial assistance under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission including Centrally sponsored ARWSP and AUWSP. The main objective of the VIII Plan is to provide potable drinking water facilities to all habitants with no source and to upgrade/augment the facilities in partially covered habitations.